Proposal of Andhra Pradesh to Develop Command area of Nagarjuna Sagar

1751. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals from Andhra Pradesh to develop Command area of Nagarjuna Sagar to supply water to tail ends and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Nagarjuna Sagar Project was included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Command Area Development Programme in 1974-75.

(b) Culturable Command Area of Nagarjuna Sagar Project is 895 thousand hectare. Irrigation Potential created upto March, 1993 is 804 thousand hectares. By the end of March, 1993 an area of 385,76 thousand hectares has been covered under field channels, 207.49 thousand hectares under land levelling and 240.77 thousand hectares under warabandi. Total expenditure of Rs. 216.072 crores (Central assistance Rs. 48.65 crores and State Sector expenditure Rs. 167.422 crores) has been incurred till March, 1993.

Issue of Gujarat Development Bonds for Sardar Sarovar Project

1752. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government has approved the 'Gujarat Development Bonds' Scheme submitted by Government of Gujarat in November, 1992 to issue the same to NRIs;

(b) whether Government deems the Sardar Sarovar Project as a National Project; and

(c) the time period during which such bonds will be allowed to be issued particularly in view of Government's commitment to the early completion of the Sardar Sarovar Project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) No decision has been taken by the Central Government regarding issue of 'Gujarat Development Bonds'.

(b) Although Sardar Sarovar Project is of national importance, no project has been declared as 'National Project'.

(c) Does not arise.

Delay in Payment of Share Cost of Sardar Sarovar Project

1753. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that there are arrears in payment of share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project by the participating States Viz. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan;

(b) the share of each of the three States;

(c) whether delay in payment or arrears by these three participating States is causing additional burden on the State of Gujarat ;

(d) what is the reasons of the in-ordinate delay in recovering dues from States referred to above ; and

(e) whether the Central Government propose to take suitable steps in this regard to ensure implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Project as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE